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August 23, 2007

The Honorable R. James Nicholson
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20420-0002

Dear Secretary Nicholson:

Thank you for furnishing me with the documents I requested about the CARES process at the West LA VA. In your cover letter of December 12, 2006, you indicated that the VA has engaged the environmental consulting firm of Millennium Consulting Associates. Your letter further indicates the firm was engaged to provide a new environmental assessment to check for radioactive waste in the soils on the West LA VA campus.

I am writing to inquire about the scope, status and findings of the environmental assessment. I would appreciate your providing me with a copy of the contract between the VA and Millennium Consulting Associates and all of the results of the testing. If the testing has not yet been concluded, please advise me as to the status and methodology of the testing and when you expect the testing to be completed. As a part of this work, please specify which portions of the West LA Campus Millennium Consulting Associates is testing. I would appreciate receiving this information prior to the next meeting of the Local Advisory Panel on September 6, 2007 at the Wadsworth Theater.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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